

8 shot in South Africa

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa, Aug. 18, (R). — Eight blacks were shot dead by police today and many others wounded in violent protests in African townships near this south coastal port.

Police said mobs were still roaming tonight throughout the townships of New Brighton, Kaazakele and Zwile townships, but they reported the situation was under control.

During today's eruption of violence here, police said eight buildings were destroyed by fire. Damage was estimated at 400,000 sterling.

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Whole villages sucked out to sea in Philippines disaster



KILLER EARTHQUAKE — At least 3,100 persons have been confirmed dead in the killer earthquake which rocked southern and central Philippines Tuesday. Residents pass badly damaged buildings in Cotabato's commercial district after the quake hit the city. (AP wirephoto).

MANILA, Aug. 18 (R) — Hundreds of bodies were washed up on the shores of the southern Philippines today as the death toll in the country's worst earthquake shot up to 3,100.

Thousands more people are missing and most of the casualties and destruction were being blamed on giant tidal waves which followed the quake, early on Tuesday morning.

Whole villages were sucked out to sea by the receding waves, which crashed up to 500 yards inland along the southern coast of Mindanao where the worst destruction occurred.

The stench of decomposing bodies hung over the disaster area today and authorities began immunisation programmes as a precaution against disease.

Bodies found along the shores were being laid out on the main square of Pagadian city for identification. Many of those unidentified were hurried in mass graves before they could become a menace to health.

Hundreds of people were in hospital or treatment centres. Nearly 90,000 were homeless, according to the National Disaster Centre.

Many thousands were camping out afraid to go back to their homes for fear that one of the many continuing after-shocks — at least 22 by late afternoon — might prove to be another killer.

Air force General Antonio Villanueva, just back from surveying the worst-stricken areas told a television interviewer: "I have seen a lot of disasters, but this devastation is very saddening."

Relief efforts were hampered

Agreement reached Ford supreme to stop Beirut shelling confident of victory

BEIRUT, Aug. 18, (R). — Phalangist and Palestinian leaders have agreed to order their forces to stop shelling residential areas in Beirut, pro-leftist Beirut Radio reported today. The agreement came after another night of heavy shelling in the divided capital which prompted both sides to accuse each other of indiscriminate attacks. Beirut Radio said the Phalangist-Palestinian agreement to halt the shelling came after former Premier Saeb Salam was asked by traditional Moslem leaders to approach Phalangist leader Pierre Gemayel. Despite the agreement, there was no guarantee that the shelling would stop in the battered capital because the pact did not involve the rightist forces of Camille Chamoun's National Liberal Party or the leftist bloc led by Kamal Jumblatt.

In the past, other groups in the Lebanese conflict have ignored agreements between the Palestinians and the Phalangists.

A prolonged artillery barrage in the capital finally ended this morning but leftist and Palestinian snipers were active through much of the day. The snipers were opening fire from positions in the hotel district near the seafront.

One of today's casualties was Tim Llewellyn, a 36-year-old British Broadcasting Corporation correspondent from London.

He was hit in the wrist by a sniper's bullet as he was driving in a car with other British correspondents in rightist-held eastern Beirut on a motorway in range of the hotel district. Doctors said the bullet caused a multiple fracture.

At the mountain front east of Beirut, where rightist fighters are trying to win back two strategic towns from leftist-Palestinian forces, correspondents said the situation appeared static.

One rightwing officer said Palestinians operating in the area had trebled their forces to 1,500 since the fall of the Tal Al-Zaatar camp in Beirut last week.

The two towns involved, Aintoura and Matein, are located about 30 kilometres east of Beirut.

The rightist officer said his forces were preparing to attack the Palestinians unless they agreed to pull back from the front.

Capture of the two towns would open the route from rightist-controlled coastal areas to eastern Lebanon and Syria.

Mr. Chamoun, Interior and Foreign Minister in the defunct Lebanese government, today sent a message on the Lebanese situation to the Non-Aligned Summit meeting in Colombo.

The rightwing Amshat Radio said the message disputed statements made at the summit that the Palestinian people in Lebanon were being annihilated.

It quoted Mr. Chamoun as saying: "The fact is that the Palestinian people have not lost anything belonging to them in Lebanon. Lebanon itself is the victim of an abominable conspiracy..."

The Palestinians had "gradually turned their camps into fortified strongholds and established in them bases for training terrorists of various nationalities," Mr. Chamoun said.

The central committee of the World Council of Churches meeting in Geneva, today approved a resolution on Lebanon calling for respect for the national rights of the Palestinians to self-determination.

The committee also expressed its concern over the situation in Cyprus, and in muted form over that in Ethiopia and Uganda.

The Lebanese resolution, prepared earlier by the executive committee, said the civil war was basically political and not religious.

It said that efforts aiming at establishing in Lebanon, "a fair and unified society are closely linked to the respect of the national rights of the Palestinians to self-determination."

Sadat in Saudi Arabia

CAIRO, Aug. 18, (R). — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat today arrived in Saudi Arabia for talks with King Khalid on his way home from the Non-Aligned Summit Conference in Colombo, the Egyptian official Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported.

He was met at the airport by King Khalid.

President Sadat said in a statement to the Saudi News Agency that Egypt supported Saudi Arabia in calling for an Arab summit conference on Lebanon, MENA reported.

Kuwait has already asked the Arab League to convene a heads of state meeting and Sudan and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have agreed to the proposal.

President Sadat said his talks with King Khalid would be within the framework of frequent consultations between them.

Final talks meanwhile began here today on a 6000 million dollar investment fund subscribed to by Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar to help Egypt overcome its economic difficulties.

An agreement setting up the fund, called the Arab Gulf Authority for Development in Egypt, was initiated last month.

Since then Egyptian President Anwar Sadat has called for the fund to be increased to between \$10,000 and \$12,000 million over a period of five years, an appeal which underlined the severity of the Egyptian economic plight.

Egypt is also reported to have proposed a number of amendments to the terms of the proposed fund agreement which would give Egypt greater control over how the money would be used.

Egyptian press reports have said 500 million Egyptian pounds (sterling) is needed to meet commitments under the economic plan for 1976, and it is hoped the fund will provide this.

Those attending today's talks, which are expected to end tomorrow with a formal signing of the agreement, included the finance ministers of Egypt, Kuwait and the United Emirates and senior financial experts from Saudi Arabia and Qatar.

Egypt's main economic problems are a large balance of payments deficit, repayment of existing loans and a shortage of hard currency.

Kuwait warns Non-Aligned Summit nuclear threat from Israel

COLOMBO, Aug. 18, (R) — Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber today warned that a nuclear war was possible in the Middle East, and urged non-aligned countries to adopt a clear position against Israel.

In his speech during the Fifth Non-Aligned Summit Conference here, the Kuwaiti leader said it was hard to believe that some non-aligned countries still maintained political and economic relations with Israel, which still occupied Arab lands.

He said: "The Middle East situation constitutes an international threat to peace and security, and it may trigger a nuclear explosion if Israel does not withdraw from Arab territories."

"This conference should adopt a clear position against Israel and translate its position into concrete action."

He criticised the industrialised countries for reducing their assistance to the developing countries, Kuwait's aid had meanwhile increased to eight per cent of its gross national product, he said.

Leaders of non-aligned countries and African independence movements today called for war to end white rule in southern Africa.

President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia urged non-aligned nations at the summit conference here to provide arms, ammunition and men for the armed struggle to free the peoples of the region.

"There is no turning back," President Kaunda said. "Majority rule in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) and Namibia (Southwest Africa) must be decided on the battlefield."

He said that negotiations had failed as an instrument of change, and that riots in Soweto and other black townships in South Africa had rekindled the fires of revolution.

Cuban Deputy Premier Carlos Rafael Rodriguez said that the example of Angola, where Africans had been helped by Cuban troops and Soviet equipment, had proved it was possible for black peoples to win their freedom if they were prepared to fight.

The call to arms was echoed in statements circulated to delegates (ANC) of Zimbabwe and the Southwest African Peoples Organisation

KANSAS CITY, Missouri, Aug. 18, (R). — President supremely confident of beating Ronald Reagan for Republican presidential nomination, told his supporters the party convention here today: "I feel great and feel better tonight." Mr. Ford was an odds-on favourite to take the prize with only hours to go before delegates start voting (ed: 0100 GMT) for the man they want to challenge Democrat Jimmy Carter for the White House in November.

Political analysts said only a miracle could save Mr. Reagan after he lost a key convention vote last night. The Reagan forces seemed crushed.

Senator Richard Schweiker offered to resign today as candidate for the Republican party's vice-presidential nomination, but was persuaded to stay in the race by Mr. Reagan.

Mr. Reagan's spokesman said Mr. Schweiker thought his withdrawal might improve Mr. Reagan's chances of being nominated by the party.

But Mr. Reagan said that after he picked the Pennsylvania senator as his running mate, the two should stay on the same ticket.

The former California Governor had failed in a strategic gamble to try and make Mr. Ford reveal his choice as vice-presidential candidate in advance of tonight's big

vote. Some Reagan supporters mitted privately that they now had little chance of victory.

In last night's convention, Mr. Reagan also tried to through another amendment publicly criticising aspects of president's policy towards the viet Union.

But the Ford camp refused offer any challenge and the motion was approved routinely by voice vote. It warned against one-sided favours to viet Union in the pursuit of peace and opposed secret agreements.

The voting took place in a hall of banner-waving, shouting and cheering in which the Ford and Reagan camps were openly hostile, often showing anger in the attempt of each other.

The convention chairman repeatedly banged his gavel at derided attendants to clear the floor.

In the confusion, Reagan

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Others call for war against whites in S. Africa



COLOMBO CHAT — United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, and his wife, chat with Libyan leader Col. Qadhafi, during banquet for delegates to the Non-Aligned Summit Conference in Colombo. Unidentified delegate at centre is acting as an interpreter. (AP wirephoto).

tioo (SWAPO) of Namibia which have observer status at the summit.

The ANC said Angola had created the right psychological and moral conditions for the freeing of southern Africa. It said: "The racists in Rhodesia and South Africa must be physically defeated."

SWAPO president Sam Nujoma said in his statement that SWAPO saw armed struggle as the quickest and only effective method of gaining independence for Namibia.

Several African countries including Kenya, Zaire, Tanzania, Congo Republic, Central African Republic and Lesotho repeated demands for an end to white rule in southern Africa, and were supported by Arab and Caribbean leaders.

Libya's head of state Muammar Qadhafi however attracted the day's biggest audience for his hour-long speech in which he alleged there were "Trojan horses" in the non-aligned movement.

President Qadhafi demanded that "a set of accounts" be kept from one summit conference to the next to identify those countries which did not live up to the principles of non-alignment and those who interfered in the affairs of others, for nations of the world.

Nervous truce reigns in Euro money markets

FRANKFURT, Aug. 18, (AFP) — Renewed denials of any plans for an early international currency realignment brought a nervous truce to the foreign exchange markets today.

The uneasy calm, following the Deutsche mark's sharp rise yesterday, was ascribed by dealers in part to a reaffirmation by West German Finance Minister Hans Apel that the Bonn government has no plans to revalue the currency.

In a statement issued in Bonn, Mr. Apel said he saw no reason for any change of parties inside the European "snake" or joint float. No member government had

requested any ministerial meeting for this purpose, he said.

In Brussels, Belgian officials issued a similar denial and said no international talks on monetary matters were planned before the next scheduled monthly meeting of central bank governors in Basle on Sept. 13.

In Frankfurt, the Deutsche mark fell back somewhat against the other currencies in the "snake" except the Dutch guilder, and dealers said the central bank did not have to intervene today.

However, the Bundesbank bought seven million dollars to steady the rate of the American currency, which closed at 2.5140 after touching 2.5090, compared with last night's 2.5159.

Dealers said the Deutsche mark now showed a weighted appreciation of eight per cent against western currencies since the beginning of this year. The percentage was even nine per cent against the 16 leading currencies quoted in Frankfurt. Against the dollar, it had been revalued de facto by 4.2 per cent.

In London, dealers said the market had remained very nervous today despite the absence of any real pressures.

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Independence date set for Namibia

WINDHOEK, Aug. 18, (R). — Delegates to the multiracial conference on the future of South West Africa (Namibia) announced today they had set December 31, 1978, as the target date for independence in the South-African ruled territory.

An official statement from the conference's constitution committee said an interim government would be established as soon as a constitutional basis for it had been worked out.

Earlier reports suggested that the interim government would be multiracial and include a white prime minister and black head of state.

The constitutional conference of delegations from the territory's 11 ethnic groups, including whites, has been meeting on and off for almost a year.

Their deliberations were given added urgency by the approach of the August 31 deadline set by the United Nations for South Africa to withdraw from the mineral-rich territory and set it on the path to early independence.

South Africa had administered South West Africa since the now defunct League of Nations granted it a mandate in 1919. South African forces had taken over the former Germany colony during the First World War.

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New model Ford?

President Ford is looking better than ever. The latest Gallup poll (conducted from August 6 to 9 and whose results were released Tuesday) shows Carter down six points when asked against Ford. 56 per cent were for Carter, 43 per cent for Ford, and 11 per cent undecided.

Carter campaign officials had predicted a drop in support for the Democratic nominee following the Republican convention, when either Ford or Reagan would emerge wearing the victor's laurels. Nevertheless, the shift started earlier than expected. This could be due to the extra coverage the two publican contenders received as the convention drew nearer. Winner's popularity could climb even higher immediately after his nomination, barring a disastrous choice of running mate.

The previous poll, conducted in July, showed Ford trailing Carter by two to one; but then that was when Carter himself was riding the high tide of popularity at the time of the Democratic convention. The same thing was going for him then.

In any case, as the gap between Ford and Carter narrows, the opinion polls, one is led to believe that there is a growing disillusion among Americans by and large that both Carter and Ford are much closer to the centre, and to each other, than one had been led to believe earlier, despite nuances of the question of charisma or the tenor of press releases. Perhaps the contest with Reagan has helped to set Ford off in a better light. Matched against Reagan in the same August poll, Carter retained more than a two to one lead.

Perhaps the American public deserves more credit than observers are willing to concede. The poll could indicate a growing ability to dig deeper than the attractive or unattractive packaging in which each candidate is wrapped. It could also indicate that this election is not going to be won by press releases.

Perhaps the lessons of Watergate have been well learnt.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Jordan's dailies Wednesday dealt with several topics touching on Arab and international affairs.

Rai says the Soviet government's move to the United States of the increased activities of Israeli forces along the southern Lebanese coast clearly means that the Lebanese crisis, which had until now "remained under the tent of international detente" has started to stretch out of its tent.

The paper adds that the Lebanese crisis, which had opened new doors in all directions, has opened three doors to Israel.

Israel has entered south Lebanon without a military operation.

Israel's information media are giving the Palestinian in the occupied areas to accept co-existence with Israeli rule, which Israeli claims is more viable than co-existence in Lebanon.

Columnist "Ihab," writing in Al Dustour, says that what the Arab League envoy in Lebanon Dr. Al Kholi said was really serious.

Al Kholi, the writer adds, says the present strife in Lebanon is a strife between Lebanese and Lebanese, between Arab and Arab, but with a third "international" party thrown in.

Al Kholi also said there are several armies in Lebanon, equipped with the most sophisticated weapons in the world!

Columnist Ihab asks these questions: "Did the Arab League representative discover these serious facts only recently? Did he report these appalling facts to Arab countries?"

He continues: "Al Kholi has admitted that an international party is participating in the Lebanese war, and that the weapons being used are among the most sophisticated items in the arsenals of the world. Now, who is that international party that is taking part in the Lebanese war? And who is the party who has employed arms factories to produce such weapons for the war in Lebanon?" These questions must be answered before responding to the call for a summit conference, and before any demand to increase the number of Arab peace-keeping forces in Lebanon; because if the principal "master mind" which is the "international party," is not disclosed, the Lebanese war will continue violently, "eating up" Arabs, with the weapons provided by the "international party," the writer says.

Accord signed starting work on fertiliser project

AMMAN. — An agreement under which two French companies Spie Batignolles and Heurtey are to start immediate implementation of the chemical fertilisers project, was signed here Wednesday at the Jordan Fertiliser Industry Company.

The project, the implementation of which will last three years is to start production of chemical fertilisers in late 1979, the major part of which will be for export.

The project includes the construction of two sulphuric acid units for the production each of 1800 tonnes per day, a phosphoric acid unit with a production capacity of 940 tonnes of phosphoric acid from low-grade phosphates. It also includes the establishment of two fertiliser units to produce super phosphate as well as mono- & diammonium-phosphate. The two units will have a production capacity of 2000 tonnes per day.

Auxiliary civil works and a special port will also be constructed as the project is to be located on the southern tip of the Aqaba coast, in addition to the installation of power generation, water supply, housing, and other services.

Cost of the project will reach JD90 million while its estimated production per year, once it starts in 1979, has been estimated at \$130 million. The company's needs of ammonia (80,000) and Sulphur (300,000) tonnes will be imported.

The Jordan Fertiliser Company was established earlier last year with a capital of JD20 million to implement and manage the chemical fertiliser project.

26 per cent of its capital has been subscribed by the Jordanian government, 25 per cent by the Jordan Phosphates Mines Company.

Mental institution to be set up here

AMMAN. — The Minister of Labour Issam Ajlouni Wednesday presided over the first meeting of the special committee set up to study the establishment of an institution for the mentally retarded in the Kingdom.

Discussions during that first meeting centred on the social imperatives for such an institution in addition to reviewing its basic requirements.

Necessary proposals and recommendations are to be submitted on the subject to the Prime Minister for approval.

The meeting was attended by representatives from the Social Affairs department, the Ministry of Health, the University of Jordan, the Young Women Muslim Association, and the Mental Health Society.

National Briefs

● AMMAN: The Minister of Waqf, Islamic Affairs and Holy Places, Kamel Al Sharif Wednesday received the Moroccan ambassador to Jordan.

● AMMAN: The Minister of Culture and Information Adnan Abu Odeh Wednesday received the Romanian ambassador to Jordan.

● AMMAN. — The Minister of Waqf, Islamic Affairs, and Holy Places, Kamel Al Sharif Monday received the Syrian ambassador to Jordan.

Exchange Rates

Following are the official exchange rates at the close of the business day yesterday. The two figures denote buying and selling prices in Jordanian fils:

U.S. dollar	330.0	332.0
U.K. sterling	591.0	597.0
French franc	66.4	66.7
Swiss franc	133.8	134.2
German mark	131.7	132.1
Iraqi dinar	952.0	960.0
Syrian pound	81.6	81.9
Egyptian pound	485.0	500.0
Lebanese pound	103.9	107.2
U.A.E. dirham	83.3	83.8

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Abu Al Ghanam meets Arab diplomats

AMMAN. — Foreign Ministry Secretary-General Fawwaz Abu Al Ghanam Wednesday met with a large number of the Arab diplomats accredited to Jordan to discuss

the probable candidacy of Mr. Abdul Moneim Rifai to the post of Arab League secretary-general. He received for that purpose the

ambassadors of Qatar, Kuwait, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, and Saudi Arabia in addition to the Algerian, United Arab Emirates and Omani charges d'affaires in Amman.

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6.00 Quran	9.45 Play
8.15 Cartoons	
6.30 Children's programme	
7.00 Cop and the kid	
8.00 News in Arabic	
Channel 6:	
7.30 News in Hebrew	
7.45 Varieties	
8.30 Sixth sense	
9.30 Feature film	
10.00 News in English	
10.15 Cont. of feature	
Channel 3:	
7.30 Science and life	
8.30 Arabic series	

Amman Airport

Departures:	Arrivals:
10.00 Cairo (EA)	9.00 Cairo (EA)
10.30 Rome	9.30 Dhahran
11.00 Cairo	9.40 Kuwait
11.15 Kuwait (KAC)	10.30 Kuwait (KAC)
11.30 Athens, Madrid, Casablanca	11.15 Bangkok, Colombo, Bahrain
12.35 London (BA)	12.20 Deir Al Zor, Damascus (SA)
13.00 Aqaba (SA)	15.05 Aqaba (SA)
13.30 Paris	17.30 Cairo
15.45 Damascus (SA)	18.15 Copenhagen, Vienna
20.00 Abu Dhabi, Bangkok	19.00 London
22.30 Riyadh, Dhahran (SAA)	19.00 Rome
	21.00 Amsterdam, Athens (KLM)
	21.20 Riyadh (SAA)

Market Prices

Apples (golden): 110-140	Apples (starken): 150-180	Apples (local): 130-160
Bell pepper: 50-80	Bananas: 170-200	Cauliflower: 120-140
Carrots: 50-70	Cucumbers (small): 120-160	Cucumbers (large): 50-80
Eggplant (small): 50-70	Eggplant (large): 25-35	Green beans: 110-120
Garlic (dry) (large): 250-300	Grapes (green): 80-110	Grapes (black): 70-100
Hot pepper: 140-160	Lemon (yellow): 200-260	Lemon (green): 170-200
Marrow (small): 90-110	Marrow (regular): 50-70	Musk melon: 100-160
Orange: 100-120	Onion (dry) (imported): 70-90	Onions (white): 40-65
Okra (red): 90-130	Okra (green): 150-180	Potatoes (imported): 100-130
Potatoes (local): 100-120	Peaches (large): 220-260	Peaches (small): 190-220
Pears (large): 180-240	Pears (small): 160-200	Tomatoes: 70-90
Spinach: 30-50	String beans: 110-150	Water melon (large): 50
Water melon (small): 30	Wild cucumbers (large): 50-80	

Radio

(On 856 KHZ)	
7.00 Breakfast show, morning melodies	
7.30 News bulletin	
7.40 News reel	
8.00 Sign off	
12.00 Pop session (Part I)	
1.00 News summary	
1.03 Pop session (Part II)	
2.00 News bulletin	
2.15 Radio magazine	
2.30 Doctor at large	
3.00 Concert hour	
4.00 Old favourites	
4.30 Easy listening	
5.00 Special feature	
5.30 Pop session (Part III)	
6.00 News summary	
6.03 Listener's choice	
6.30 Pop music U.S.A.	
7.00 News bulletin	
7.10 News reel	
7.30 Sign off	

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Jalla: (24238)	
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Jahel Hussein: (38410)	
Taxis:	
Youth City: (63273)	
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Talal: (25021)	

Britain's Foreign Office says Ian Smith lives in an unreal world

LONDON, Aug. 18, (AFP). — Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith is living in an unreal world, the British Foreign Office said Monday.

A spokesman was commenting on Mr. Smith's remark in a BBC interview broadcast Sunday that majority rule would be a "tragedy" for his country.

Mr. Smith told the interviewer he was ready to resume talks with black nationalist leaders, provided they stopped what he called "the parrot cry of one man one vote."

The Foreign Office spokesman said "this is a tragic illustration of the unreality of the world in which Mr. Smith appears to live."

In Sunday's interview with the BBC, Mr. Ian Smith had said that white Rhodesians who had left Rhodesia had since regretted their decision.

Others who might be thinking of leaving: "I would say to them that their decision is premature. I would say think again."

Mr. Smith said: "The history of the war shows that our security forces are very definitely on top." While the war was having an

impact on the economy, Rhodesia still had "quite a large" reserve of manpower. He said that the majority of black Rhodesians agreed that the worst thing that could happen was revolutionary change. "They have seen the tragedy that this has brought to Rhodesia's neighbours."

"Majority rule would lead to a tragedy in Rhodesia... black Rhodesians would suffer more than white Rhodesians." Mr. Smith agreed that his policy was opposed by world opinion, but said "we will continue trying to convince the world that their diagnosis is incorrect."

Mr. Smith warned Mozambique that his forces would indulge in "hot pursuit" if attacked.

He added that most people injured in terrorist attacks were black Rhodesians.

"I believe that killing the terrorist is not by itself a complete answer. But I think it important that we keep on top of terrorism and make people realise terrorism does not pay."



FEEDING TIME — Mrs. Jihan Sadat, wife of Egypt's President Anwar Sadat, feeds sugar to an elephant in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Wednesday, during a visit to the National Zoological Gardens in Colombo. Mrs. Sadat accompanied her husband, who is attending the Non-Aligned Summit Conference. (AP wirephoto).

Former Indian politician blasts Indira Gandhi's emergency policies

KATMANDU, Nepal (CSM). — India's last surviving top political leader from its freedom-struggle days against Britain has charged Prime Minister Indira Gandhi with purposeful ignorance and with perpetuating a personal dictatorship.

In an interview with "underground" newsmen, the text of which has reached the Western press, Acharya J.B. Kripalani disputed Mrs. Gandhi's claims that the political opposition was attempting to destroy the unity of India before she imposed a state of emergency on the country 13 months ago.

The octogenarian Mr. Kripalani, widely known as a key aide to Mohandas K. Gandhi, said:

"It is nonsense to say that any of the opposition leaders now in jail wanted to destroy the unity of India or break up the Indian states. They all fought for the freedom of the country, went to jail for long periods, and suffered other privations."

"The record of service of any of them would be greater than that of Mrs. Gandhi."

Rebutting the prime minister's claim she has united the people, Mr. Kripalani said: "The people have shown their unity whenever there has been any threat from outside. Before she came to power they successfully repulsed the attacks of Pakistan."

"In case of Chinese aggression, it is not the people who failed, but the government of Mrs. Gandhi's father, who did not even protest when the huffer kingdom of Tibet was swallowed up by Communist China."

"And as for giving hope for the

future, Mrs. Gandhi, by her so-called progressive policies, has on-ly frightened the people and created a sense of uncertainty in all sections of the population as to what is going to happen in the future."

Referring to Mrs. Gandhi's charge that the unrest among the masses was the handiwork of a few, Mr. Kripalani said:

"Mrs. Gandhi says that amongst a population of 600 millions, the dissent is from a few thousand. This is false. Six hundred million cannot by themselves raise their voice. Their voice is raised through their leaders."

"If the voters to the parliament in India represent the voice of the millions, she has no right to be the prime minister of this country. Her party got 45 per cent of the votes and secured a two-thirds majority in Parliament."

"This was due to the present faulty system of elections. If there had been a system of proportional representation... she would not have been the prime minister of this country."

"Mrs. Gandhi has said that she had difficulties for two years brought about by drought and the Bangladesh war. As for drought, there is nothing unusual about it in India. That is a temporary phase which the people can take in stride."

"As for the Bangladesh war, it lasted only for two weeks. A country that has developed for a quarter of a century can very well bear the strain of a two-week war. Moreover, war stimulates production declined to almost zero point."

Some in cash, some in kind Non-aligned nations pay for cost of their summit conference

COLOMBO, Aug. 18, (AFP). — The cost of the 86-nation non-aligned summit at Colombo amounted to about 200 million Sri Lankan rupees (roughly 23 million U.S. dollars at the official rate). But Sri Lanka, the host of the conference, will have to pay only around 52 million rupees. Gifts and other contributions from non-aligned countries amounted to 70 million and the rest of the bill was to be shared among member countries.

Iraq has donated one million U.S. dollars in cash, Algeria \$ 897,685, North Korea \$ 500,000, Kuwait \$ 251,111, Libya promised to give one million dollars.

Yugoslavia's contribution was estimated at \$ 511,111.

The sum represented the supply of a closed-circuit television system, air traffic control equipment, 49 cars, 810 typewriters, 2,800 flags, and 30 teleprinters.

India has offered Sri Lanka a credit of one million Indian rupees (roughly 15,000 U.S. dollars) to buy Indian synthetic textiles.

Romania, which had applied for observer status and had to contend itself with guest status during the present summit contributed 10 tons of typewriter paper, 5,011 note-books, 5,000 pencils, 4,000 ball pens, 10 tons of flour, 2,511 bottles of wine, 5 tons of sugar, and 500 kgs of cheese.

At the request of the Sri Lanka government a part of what had been proposed by Romania was changed into 5,001 metres of cloth to decorate the premises used by the summit.

Pakistan donated five saddles, horses to the Colombo police and sold them five others at a concessionary price. It also supplied 30 tons of rice, apples, mangoes, and

Polish author speaks out for demonstrators against food prices

PARIS, Aug. 18, (AFP). — No-velist Jerzy Andrzejewski, one of Poland's leading writers, has come out in support of those Poles punished for demonstrating in June against proposed rises in the price of food, according to the French-published Polish emigre review Kultura.

The magazine says that last month Mr. Andrzejewski, whose most recent book has been banned by the Polish censor, wrote an open letter expressing his solidarity with "those who fight for true socialist democracy". The letter, to be published in Kultura's next issue, is said to be circulating freely in Poland.

The author of "Ashes and diamonds" pledged that, with the "very weak means" at their disposal, he and his writer friends would support those workers jailed or sacked after the food-price strikes and demonstrations, until a total amnesty was granted.

Mr. Andrzejewski's letter, like the letter sent last month by the "leftwing dissident" Polish intellectual Jacek Kuron to Italian Communist Party chief Enrico Berlinguer, stresses the massiveness of the repression inflicted upon the Polish strikers and demonstrators, who were described in the Polish press as "hoodlums" and "socially-harmful elements".

Also like Mr. Kuron, Mr. Andrzejewski stressed the "helplessness" of the strikers and demonstrators in the face of "physical violence, humiliation, heavy jail sentences, and sackings".

The forthcoming issue of Kultura will also publish an open letter to the Polish military authorities from Jacek Kuron's wife, Mr. Kuron, who has twice been imprisoned, has been called back into the army for three months' service.

In her letter, Mrs. Kuron asks that the call-up decision, taken against the advice of three doctors, should be rescinded. Her husband, she points out, has a bad heart condition.

1976 is Earthquake Year

PARIS, Aug. 18, (AFP). — The earthquake which is the Philippines early in the day killing at least 1,500 people is the latest in a list of earthquakes this year.

Scientists say that activity this year has unusually high.

These are the other quakes: — Feb. 4, Guatemala: 23,000 people killed, 7 injured and more than 1,500,000 left homeless; violent shock.

— May 6, Udine, north Italy: Europe's biggest earthquake in three years; several villages off the killing 978 and injured 1,000.

— May 17, Soviet Asia: more than 10,000 people in Gazi, 400 killed (250 miles) from Tashkent left homeless by an earthquake. The casualty toll is known.

— June 26, Jayapura, Irian: a violent tremor leaves landslides killing more than 6,000 and injured thousands.

— July 14, Bali: a of 559 people are killed, injured and a million left homeless.

— July 28, China: the of Tang Shan in north China is totally destroyed; an earthquake measuring on the Richter scale 7.5 (250 miles) from Taipei left 100,000 people and injured 900,000 according to reports in Taipei.

Aug. 15, China: an earthquake recorded at 6.3 hits a densely-populated area along the border of Kweichow and Szechwan provinces.

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IMF study thinks bank loans will continue to slow down this year

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17, (AFP) — The growth of international bank loans should continue to slow this year but less markedly than the bankers believed at the beginning of 1976, the International Monetary Fund, IMF, said in its latest bulletin.

IMF said that bank loans rose by \$ 46,000 million per cent in 1975, compared 9,000 millions and 38 per cent in 1974. In real terms, that is, after accounting for the rise in prices in the industrial countries, the gain was 10 per cent, against 13 per cent the previous 12 months.

The fund declared that bank loans at the beginning of the year anticipated an increase of 10 per cent in their interest rates in 1976. But for the first quarter showed a rise, 15 per cent, with inflation into account. In general, the situation in the international financial markets appeared to be psychologically better than it was in 1974-75, the fund stated. "Bankers are generally less concerned over possible disruptive effects of large shifts or over the size of the balance of payments of the bankers contacted."

The fund do not expect any borrowing countries to default this year, but they seem confident that the losses arising out of defaulting on a few borrowers could be absorbed without major disruption of the market. Nevertheless, bankers are increasingly cautious in lending policies and are maintaining high liquidity ratios to lead to less redefaulting borrowers.

The fund declared that the bankers in no way expecting a slowdown of capital would be a factor in the slowdown of this year. The main brake, however, would be the lack of redefaulting borrowers.

There is demand from industrial countries and from other prime borrowers remains very slow and it is not expected that prime-risk loan demand will

accelerate until well into the second half of this year, the IMF review said. It added that the loans of oil-exporting countries, some of which have announced huge loan projects abroad, will not rise much this year.

The IMF stressed that the banker's attitude to eastern Europe to be ruled out because of the risk. "It seems likely that easterners involved."

U.S. dependence on Arab oil increases

NEW YORK, Aug. 18, (AFP) — United States dependence on Arab oil rose sharply in the first six months of this year, a study published by Petroleum Intelligence Weekly showed yesterday.

The review said that American imports of crude oil from Arab countries (about 2,100,000 barrels a day) represented in that period about 12.4 per cent of U.S. consumption of petroleum products, against only 6.6 per cent in the first half of 1975.

In addition, these imports accounted for about 44 per cent of total U.S. imports of crude oil (4,700,000 barrels a day), compared with 29 per cent in the first half of last year.

Petroleum Intelligence Weekly also noted that Saudi Arabia had become in the first half-year the top supplier to the United States of crude oil (1,090,000 barrels a day, against 578,000 in the first six months of 1975).

These statistics show the United States' increased vulnerability in the event of another oil embargo by the Arab countries. This situation is worrying experts in the administration, and Secretary of Commerce Elliot Richardson considered at the end of last month that such an embargo would be literally catastrophic for the United States.

More generally, U.S. imports of petroleum products continue to increase and a recent Federal Bureau of Energy estimate said that this year they averaged 7,000,000 barrels a day (crude oil plus refined products), that is 41 per cent of American consumption.

European borrowers will be required to provide more economic data and to pay somewhat higher spreads before they can borrow the amounts envisaged, the review stated.

Finally, the IMF declared that an appreciable increase in loans to developing countries appeared to be ruled out because of the risk. "It seems likely that easterners involved."

One of the consequences of this growth will be an appreciable increase in the United States' oil "bill," which this year should amount to \$ 35,000 million, against only \$ 27,000 million last year.

In addition, the United States, more than 80 per cent of whose oil comes from the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) region, will be the first to feel the effects of the next oil price increase envisaged by members of OPEC.

North Sea oil gives Britain 5 fields now

LONDON, Aug. 18, (AFP) — Crude oil is now being pumped from five fields in the British sector of the North Sea following the announcement by Mobil yesterday that the Beryl field has come "on stream".

Beryl, located southeast of the Shetland islands, has an average output of 8,000 barrels a day from two wells.

Production will be gradually increased to 100,000 barrels a day from 40 wells in three years.

By the end of the year, Britain expects to produce crude at an annual rate of 20 million tons, or one-quarter of her requirements.

Arab swimmers compete in Channel crossing

LONDON, Aug. 18, (AFP) — Eight swimmers from four Arab countries took the plunge today at Dover in south east England for a cross-Channel swim to France sponsored by Saudi Arabians.

The swimmers, three professionals and five amateurs, are from Egypt, Syria, Sudan, and Saudi Arabia.

The only professional among the women is 15-year-old Abla Khairy from Cairo who stands to win £ 1,000 when she completes the crossing.

The first of the professional men to France will also win £ 1,000.

The crossing, organised by the International Long Distance Swimming Federation, was put off three times since Sunday because of poor weather conditions.

Over 2000 Eritrean refugees gone back home

ADDIS ABABA, Aug. 18, (R) — More than 2,000 refugees have returned to the strife-torn northern province of Eritrea since government peace proposals last May, it was officially reported today.

During 14 years of fighting between secessionist guerrillas and government forces up to 100,000 people left the province, most of them taking refuge across the border in Sudan.

The Ethiopian news agency quoted official reports from the provincial capital of Asmara as saying 2,044 refugees had returned since May, when the military government made peace proposals including talks with progressive groups in the province.

A team from the ruling military council has been in Eritrea since, the agency said.

The latest batch of 127 refugees returned home through the port of Massawa over past four days. An office has been established in Asmara to help returning exiles, the agency said.

India intends to discuss sea boundaries

NEW DELHI, Aug. 18, (AFP) — India proposes to negotiate the demarcation of maritime boundaries with Pakistan and Thailand, Law Minister Hari Gokhale told parliament yesterday.

He said similar negotiations were in progress with Bangladesh and Burma.

Mr. Gokhale was replying to a debate in the lower house of parliament on a bill defining India's territorial waters, continental shelf, contiguous zone, and the economic zone. The bill was later approved by the house. It had been voted by the upper house earlier.

Mr. Gokhale said India did not wish to take unilateral action in the matter of maritime demarcations. It was for negotiated settlement. India's attitude towards the problems of landlocked countries

was one of sympathy and understanding, especially in regard to their right to exploit the living resources of the sea, he said.

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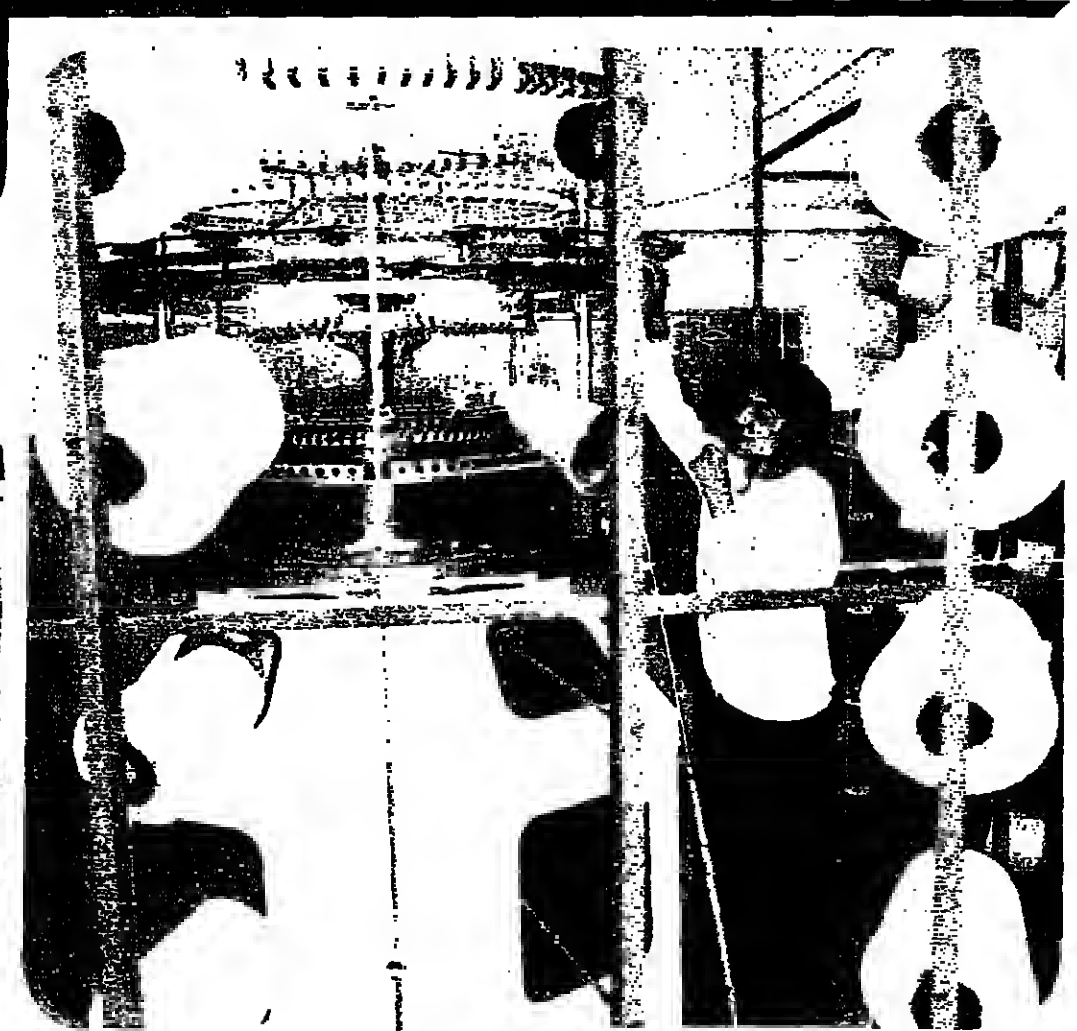
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Lebanese artist brings viewers back to a long-missed Lebanon of peace and life

By Lina Gress
Special to the Jordan Times
Oblivious to the effects of modernisation and the devastation of war, Lebanese artists still continue to see the authentic primitive aspects of life which they

depict in bright water colour paintings. Haidar Hammaoui, an architect as well as a painter and the holder of a gold medal obtained in Mexico for his painting exhibition, invites us to see Lebanon through

his paintings.

We first meet fishermen pushing their boats to the sea and then have a chat with those who are resting; and while we're still there, Haidar thinks we should visit their houses built on the warf and characterised by oriental arcades.

Turning our backs to the colourful boats and sails and passing through the arch we find ourselves in the fishing market where the gay voices intrigue us into filling a basket with fish.

Once out of the flagrant market, we are greeted by a Lebanese man and a woman in typical folkloric costumes, they decide to accompany us.

To refresh ourselves we stop at the water fountain where we watch the women in their village attire carrying water jars and coming up the fountain stairs to bring us water.

The fountain gathering is a social occasion for most of the villagers and so is the reunion of women making the Lebanese national dish "kubbeh." A group of men and women join us to eat the "kubbeh" at Jezzin village while watching the wide waterfall.

Then suddenly catching our eyes is a wooden room built on the top of four trees, we are told that this is called "al erzal" meaning

a guard's room.

We climb up to it for a sweeping view of the umbrella-like pine trees covering the Lebanese mountains. We also watch villagers returning home at dusk in addition to a beautiful sunset over the sea making the boats still more colourful.

The next morning we proceeded north.

The rocks of Meirouha with their imposing stature intimidate us, but later on we pick up some courage and comfort at the sight of a lovely house on top of a mountain.

Further north, the thousand years old Cedar trees relate to us the history of the country Haidar Hammaoui would like us to know.

Having drunk from the waters of "Nahr Al Kalb," a river near Jounieh, and having bought a provision of fruits and vegetables from the picturesque Lebanese markets, this time in oil colours; in the background of the scene the Baalbeck colours bid us farewell.

Other Lebanese painters would like to renew to us the invitation to again visit Lebanon, but this time to see other aspects of it.

Gerard makes us attend a ballet performance and enchants our hearts with the ballerinas he has so gracefully represented; Daher

faces us with still more elegance such as the rhythmic pose of a heron; while W. Bastoli takes us across a market scene to meet painter Jabbour standing with his licorice juice (souse) seller, ready to serve us with the musical clinking of copper cups. A final look at Sami's natural view takes us out of Lebanon.

A little pause is now needed to make us contemplate the bright water colour paintings and the darker tints of oil paintings that reflect the spirit of the Lebanese people.

Don't forget the needlework landscape Antoinette Hussen offered us as present at the hall of the British Council in Amman where all these paintings were exhibited.

The exhibition was organised in cooperation with the Goethe Institute in Amman.

(All the paintings reproduced here are by Hamaoui. They were photographed by Dr. Glade of the Goethe Institute.)

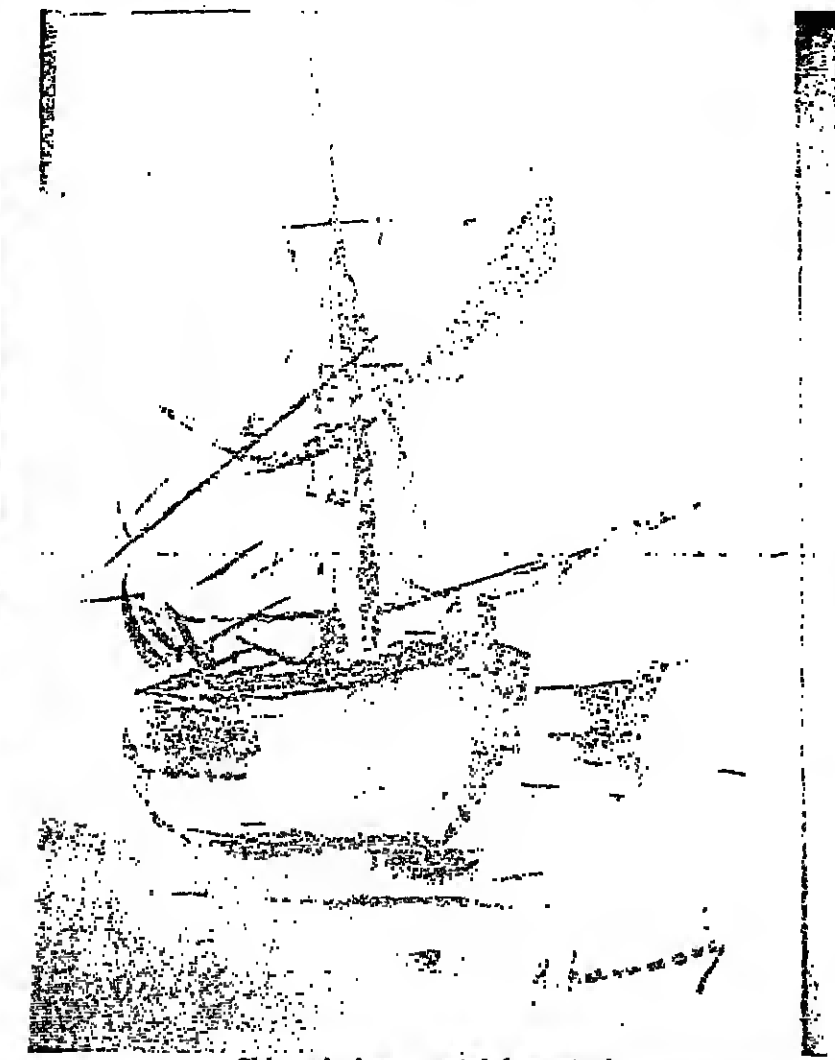


Women at the fountain.

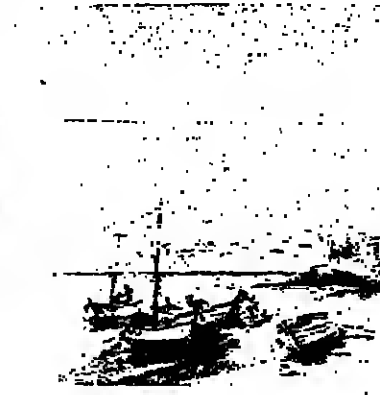


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Will George Washington at last get that long sought after promotion?

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CSM) — At long last, George Washington — "father of his country" and leader of the ragged army that wrested independence from Great Britain two centuries ago — may be made a full general of the U.S. Army, indeed, "general of the armies," a rank that to date has been held by only one American, Gen. John J. Pershing, during World War I.

And even if this happens, he will not have made it to the top.

But, if Congress does confer the next highest possible rank on President Washington, it will come despite grumblings from senior Pentagon officers, who complain it would set a "bad precedent."

"It's the kind of wishy-washy treatment from the Pentagon that brings out the anti-military in us all," mutters one George Washington enthusiast here.

The legislation conferring the new rank on Lt. Gen. Washington, a joint resolution introduced by Rep. Mario Biaggi (D) of New York and debated in a House military subcommittee, still must face a full vote in both the Senate and House.

According to some historians, the problem of Lt. Gen. Washington's less than full military postering can be traced back to President John Adams, Washington's vice-president and successor, who never got around to submitting the general's name to Congress for a higher title.

Congress in 1799 voted a new rank — general of the armies of the U.S. At that time Washington was a lieutenant general.

Though the rank was subsequently repealed, during the Civil

War period a rank of general of the army was established for generals U.S. Grant, William and Phillip Sheridan that title.

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N. border command: North Koreans axe two S. soldiers to death

Aug. 18, (R) — Two American soldiers were killed when about 30 North Koreans attacked them with axes and metal pikes in the border between North and South Korea, United Nations command said.

South Koreans and four American soldiers were injured in the attack at the border armistice of Panmunjom, the American command said.

The attack was unprovoked and occurred as the American and South Korean soldiers, were escorting a North Korean spokesman to the government was "outraged" by the "unimaginably barbarous" human act of murder.

The U.N. command called for a meeting of the Joint Military Armistice Commission at Panmunjom.

The command said the small party was routinely trimming branches from a tree when two North Korean officers and several soldiers, were escorting a North Korean officer who had no objection to the tree-cutting, the North Koreans demanded the work be stopped according to the U.N. command.

It said that shortly afterwards, a North Korean vehicle brought American guards and the North Korean officer was heard to tell the U.N. command to "kill" the U.N. command.

The command said the other North Korean guards joined in the fight.

The command said it was the incident at Panmunjom involved since the end of the war in 1953.

The command said one South Korean was wounded and was admitted to a U.S. army hospital in Seoul.

South Korean officer, three North Korean men, and four American soldiers, suffered minor injuries, it said.

Two U.S. officers died from head injuries and stomach injuries inflicted by the North Korean guards, the command said.

The South Korean Information Ministry accused the North Koreans of "premeditated provocation."

A South Korean spokesman Kim Dong-ik said: "We will be watching developments with grave concern and observe the Korean armistice agreement as well as the statement of detente between two Koreas."

The U.N. command was without identification of the casualties until next-of-kin had been notified.

South Korean spokesman said North Koreans should stop "aggressive acts" immediately and observe the Korean armistice agreement as well as the statement of detente between two Koreas.

The U.N. spokesman refused to say when asked whether American and South Korean frontline troops were alerted after the incident at Panmunjom, which lies at the western end of the line dividing the two Koreas.

On June 21, the South Korean defence ministry said three North Korean soldiers and three South Koreans had been killed in separate clashes on the southern side of the dividing line.

Ford condemns killings of U.S. officers in Korea

KANSAS CITY, Missouri, Aug. 18, (R) — President Ford today condemned the killing of two U.S. army officers in Korea's neutral zone as a vicious and unprovoked murder.

He said total responsibility rested with the North Korean government.

White House Press Secretary Ron Nessen told reporters at the Republican National Convention: "The president condemns the vicious and unprovoked murder of two American officers in the demilitarized zone near Panmunjom in Korea."

Mr. Nessen said that the killings were the subject of high-level meetings of President Ford's advisers in Washington.

Asked what the consequences for North Korea might be, he said he could not make any further statement while the issue was under investigation.

Sismik-1 to begin a new week-long Aegean trip

ANKARA, Aug. 18, (AFP) — The Turkish navy today announced the route for a new week-long voyage in the Aegean sea by the oil survey ship Sismik-1.

The ship, whose first survey in the Aegean brought angry protests from Greece and accusation of violation of Greek territorial waters, was due to set sail today until August 25, said a communiqué from the navy's Navigation, Hydrography, and Oceanography Bureau.

Sismik-1 will carry out its experiments in the Bay of Kusadasi, south of Izmir and east of a line running from south east of the Greek island of Khios and north of the Greek island of Ikaria to the west of Samos, said the communiqué. Work begins tomorrow it said and the ship would pull a 3,800 metre (12,000 foot) cable which would follow at a depth of 20 metres (60 feet). Underwater explosions will be carried out at regular intervals.

The communiqué asked all ships in the area to sail past Sismik-1 slowly and to keep their distance to avoid hindering the experiments.

It is understood the explosions will be set off by means of compressed air.

Nervous truce

The dollar recovered slightly after early losses as some profit-taking developed following the denial of rumours that "snake" ministers would meet shortly.

Sterling was slightly weaker. Calm also prevailed on the Zurich and Paris markets. The French franc held its own. Zurich dealers said the "truce" was due to concerted action by the Swiss and West German central banks and those of some of the "snake" countries.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market drifted slightly easier Wednesday after a steady decline on lack of interest, dealers said. At 1500 the F.T. index was 3760.0.

Government stocks fell back to overnight levels after early gains of 1/8 point, dealers added. Leading industrials generally tended easy or so easier where changed.

Mining shares fell by around 50p in heavyweight gold producers, reflecting the weakness of gold, bullion, and Australians were firming home markets.

Among companies reporting results today, Unilever fell 5p on a figure after an early penny gain. Woolworth was steady after a fall, while Tubes eased 2p ahead of figures due later today.

Scott and Colman extended an early 7p gain by a further 6p results, before coming off slightly for a net rise of 10.0.

Among leaders, Bover and Reed fell 3p each while ICI and ICI lost 2p apiece.



ATTACK — This was the scene as some 30 North Korean guards attacked United Nations Command personnel with axes, steel pikes, and axe-handles near Checkpoint No. 3 in the joint security area of Panmunjom Wednesday. Men in white helmets are United Nations Command personnel. The United Nations Command announced that two U.S. army officers were killed while four American enlisted men and five South Koreans were wounded. (AP wirephoto).

USSR's Luna-24 soft lands on moon

MOSCOW, Aug. 18, (R) — An unmanned Soviet space station, Luna-24 made a soft landing on the moon today.

TASS, the Soviet news agency, said the station, launched on Aug. 9 and put in orbit around the moon five days later, landed in the south-eastern part of the Sea of Crises.

TASS said all the spacecraft's systems were functioning normally, and it had begun a programme of scientific exploration on the lunar surface.

Villages sucked out to sea

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quake in the country.

Damage is running into millions of U.S. dollars. In the Cotabato area alone where at least 1,500 deaths have been reported, authorities put the damage at around 70 million dollars.

Toilet paper helped save the lives of some guests in a hotel at Cotabato city, according to one survivor.

Rod Maravillas said he and six other people used the burning paper as a torch while they climbed down the cracked walls of the hotel. Seconds later the building collapsed, trapping many still inside.

Another man said he was woken by the shock and thought it was an illusion until he was suddenly caught by 15-foot (five metre) tidal waves.

Mina Catug told reporters of her luck in being swept back to shore after her village was engulfed by waves.

"I clung to a coconut tree and saw my father being swept out to sea," the girl said. "Thank heavens he was swept back inland with the next wave for the sea came at us three times."

Officials have estimated that it could be weeks before the damage is cleared up and reconstruction begins. The disaster has set back government development plans in the region, where Moslem rebels are seeking autonomy from the predominantly Christian Philippines.

Ford supremely confident of victory

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porters accused Vice-President Nelson Rockefeller of snatching one of their posters. They retaliated by ripping out a telephone used by a Ford floor manager.

Senator Howard Baker, the leading Republican on the Senate Watergate investigating committee, was believed to be on Mr. Ford's list of vice-presidential possibilities.

A party moderate, Senator Baker comes from Tennessee and would strengthen the president's appeal in the South.

Luna-24 touched down at 09:36 Moscow time (06:36 GMT) shortly after its braking rockets were fired.

Apart from saying Luna-24 would carry out scientific exploration of the moon and the lunar area, the Soviet media have given no details of the craft's mission.

It was the latest in a series of unmanned Soviet probes to the moon stretching back for some years.

The last one, Luna-23, crashed landed in November 1974, damaging equipment designed to drill for moon soil. It completed only a curtailed programme of exploration before dying completely, according to an official report.

But Luna-22, launched in May 1974, orbited the moon for more than a year, scanning the surface with television devices and relaying the information back to Soviet scientists.

It ended its mission last September when its instruments ran out of power.

In January 1973, Luna-21 landed on the moon and released the Lunokhod-2 "moon buggy" which trundled across the surface for more than four months, sending information back to earth.

Swiss tycoon may be charged in connection with Seveso poisoning

MILAN, Aug. 18, (R) — An Italian magistrate has warned a top Swiss industrialist that he may be charged in connection with the poison chemical leak from a Swiss-owned factory near here last month which forced more than 730 people to leave their homes, judicial sources said today.

The procedure does not imply criminal guilt but is designed to inform a suspect that he is being investigated and to enable him to appoint a defence lawyer.

Investigating Magistrate Rinaldo Rosini of Monza has sent a telegram to Herr Guy Waldvogel, head of Givaudan S.A. which owns the ICMESA factory at Seveso north of here, saying he may face charges of complicity in the culpable causing of a disaster and of failing to instal adequate safety precautions at the factory, the sources said.

Rabat conference discusses Arab energy sources

RABAT, Aug. 18, (R) — Solar and nuclear energy as sources of power in the Arab world were among topics discussed here yesterday by a conference on science and technology.

The 10-day conference, sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), opened Monday and yesterday split into two specialised commissions.

One commission, led by Dr. Said Ramadan Haddara, of Egypt, will debate science and technology policies.

A second commission headed by Mr. Issam Al Khairi, of Jordan, will debate regional co-operation projects.

Joint efforts to stem the spread of the desert, will also be discussed.

But the most important result of the conference will probably be a decision to set up a fund for the advancement of scientific and technological research, and the creation of an Arab scientific research institute.

Amin gives Israel 7 days to pay compensation

NAIROBI, Aug. 18, (R) — President Idi Amin has given Israel seven days to say if it will compensate Uganda for the loss of life and property incurred during the Israeli release of hijack hostages at Entebbe airport on July 4.

Uganda Radio, monitored here today, said President Amin had sent a telegram to the Israeli Prime Minister Mr. Yitzhak Rabin, giving him seven days to say whether compensation will be paid.

The telegram said: "It is up to you to tell me how you will compensate Uganda."

The radio yesterday quoted President Amin as saying that members of his defence council — the country's supreme policy-making body — were ready to die to pay for the blood of Ugandan soldiers killed in the Israeli raid.

It reported last month that 20 Ugandan soldiers died in the Entebbe operation.

S. African school head arrested for part in student demonstrations

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 18, (R) — Legates from South Africa's biggest white church have accepted that the Bible does not bar racial-mixed marriages and that people should not be prevented from marrying on grounds of race or colour alone.

Observers regard the move as a major development. The South African government forbids interracial marriage.

At an ecumenical synod of the Dutch Reformed Churches, yesterday, delegates from the Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk (NGK) accepted without dissent synod resolutions on mixed marriages — even though they directly contradict the stand of the NGK as a whole.

One synod decision said the holy scriptures gave no direct pronouncement over racially-mixed marriages. "The Bible's view on marriage and the unity of the human race offers no ground on which to view mixed marriages as impermissible," it said.

The NGK delegates also agreed to a resolution calling on church and state "to refrain from limiting the free choice of a marriage partner on the grounds of race or colour."

The NGK is the largest of the three Afrikaans reformed sister churches, which together claim a membership of about 3,300,000 including 925,000 blacks and 580,000 coloureds.

Earlier this week, police questioned him about the whereabouts of one of his students, Mr. Tsietzi Mashinini, president of the newly-formed Soweto Students Representative Council.

Mr. Mashinini was prominent during the rioting. His council later urged all students to return to school. Mr. Mashinini is reported to have dropped out of sight in recent days.

In a separate development, de-

Security row brews over Paris bank robbery

PARIS, Aug. 18, (R) — Controversy was growing today over how guards at a Paris bank failed to detect robbers who tunneled from a sewer into a strongroom during the weekend and rifled at least 130 safe deposit boxes.

The Societe Generale bank said the gang could have been caught in the vaults of its branch on the exclusive Ile Saint-Louis but for a "human failure" by the guards, who belonged to a private security company.

The security company admits its guards noticed "noises" over the three-day holiday weekend, but claims it reported the incidents and that checks by bank staff revealed nothing.

Security is a touchy subject for the state-run Societe Generale, for this robbery was a repeat of last month's raid on its branch in Nice, where thieves were believed to have fled with at least 50 million francs (£5.7 million).

The identical methods used in the two robberies prompted police speculation that the Nice "sewer rat" gang may have struck again.

The Societe Generale has offered a one-million-franc (£120,000) reward for information leading to the arrest of the Nice robbers. There has been no response so far.

Cattle evacuated as Guadeloupe still waits for volcano eruption

POINTE-A-PITRE, Guadeloupe — Aug. 18, (R) — Frightened farmers on this volcano-threatened French island in the Caribbean desperately herded their cattle from around the smouldering mountain today after warnings about a catastrophic eruption.

The cattle were abandoned in a mass evacuation of people from the area on Sunday.

Guadeloupe was rocked by continuous tremors as the Soufriere volcano built up to the point of an expected giant explosion, warnings of which forced the evacuation of 72,000 people from the danger area.

Mr. Olivier Stirn, French minister of overseas territories, was due here from Paris later today to report on how the evacuees are faring and what extra help is needed.

Before his departure from Paris, Mr. Stirn was briefed on the crisis by Prime Minister Jacques Chirac.

The smoke-veiled summit of La Soufriere towers 1,500 metres over Guadeloupe and could explode at any moment with the power of several atomic bombs, scientists said.

The volcano burst into violent activity on Monday night and this was followed by upwards of 1,000 earth tremors on the island through last night, some of them reaching force four on the Richter scale.

French geologists and seismologists believe these signal the start of a major eruption.

French authorities have set up emergency services for the evacuees. Thousands of beds have been flown from France and school canteens here are working round the clock to feed the homeless.

A delegation from the neighbouring island of Martinique scene of a volcanic eruption in 1902 which killed 36,000 people, is due here tomorrow to see what help it can offer.



COORDINATING PLANS — Messrs I. Ibrahim and S. Ghobash, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates chat during session at Non-Aligned Summit Conference in Colombo Tuesday. (AP wirephoto).

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